

Delaware Bicycle Council June 10, 2008 DelDOT Administration Building Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Terry Berl, Smyrna Parks & Rec Council Fred Breukelman, Department of Public Health Sgt. George Heberling, DE State Police Mike Krumrine, DNREC Representative Lisa Lasher, Delaware Greenways Council John Pasquale, DHSS Amy Wilburn, AT-Large Representative

DelDOT Support Staff Present

Anthony Aglio, Bike/Ped Coordinator Jennifer Baldwin, Planner Tom Felice, DelDot Representative Liddy Campbell, Administrative Assistant, DelDot

Members Absent

Walt Bryan, Sussex County Representative
Don Carbaugh, New Castle County Rep.
Tom Hartley, Kent County Representative
Judy Jeffers, At-Large Representative
Doug Mills, New Castle County Rep.
John Ray, Department of Education
Fritz Schranck, Deputy Attorney General, DelDOT
Robert Witsil, At-Large Representative

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introduction of Guests

Anthony asked the Council members to introduce themselves to our new guest John Pasquale from Department of Health and Social Services. John mentioned that he is from the town of Elsmere and is currently a Council member and is looking to establish bike trails in the Elsmere area. He also mentioned that he enjoys bike riding and would like to become an advocate to promote biking as a great way to exercise.

Chairman Appointment

Anthony informed the Council that Doug Mills, the current Chairman of the Council, would need to step down, so the Council would need to vote and appoint a new chairperson. The Council took a vote and Amy Wilburn was appointed the new Chairperson for the Bicycle Council.

II. Old Business

Route 1 Third Lane Project Update

Anthony stated that the project is finally complete. There may be a few minor improvements, but technically it is finished.

Delaware Bicycle Maps Update

Anthony informed the Council that the Sussex maps were finished and arrived. Copies of the Sussex map were handed out to the Council members. He also stated that the New Castle and Kent County maps would be delivered soon.

Events Update 2008

Safe Kids Day- 4/19

Amy Wilburn stated that she attended and thought the event went well. She mentioned that a lot of helmets were handed out.

Go Green Event- 4/26

Anthony mentioned that since neither Doug nor Judy was present, there was no way of getting an update. Anthony stated we would discuss in the next meeting.

BIKE MONTH Summary

Bike to Work Day- 5/16

Anthony stated that 30 people participated and it was a great success.

Legislators Ride Event- 5/14

Anthony mentioned that approximately 100 cyclists participated. Anthony, Senator Sokolo and Amy Wilburn also participated. Some of the members from the Wheelman Association rode on their antique bikes. A write-up of the event will be posted in the next issue of the Bike Council Newsletter.

Wilmington Grand Prix 5/17

Anthony, Jennifer and Kari participated in the event by handing out bike safety materials.

It was suggested that we should think about participating in the parade next year.

Ride of Silence – 5/21

Anthony stated that between 35-40 people participated in the ride in Rehoboth. Some of the members suggested that it may be a good idea to have better advertisement prior to the ride because a lot of people do not really know the meaning of the ride. It was suggested to contact the media prior to the event to get the word out.

Blue Rocks – Safety Day – Delaware Risk Watch

Anthony informed the Council that together DelDOT and DE Risk Watch worked together in promoting a poster contest for children to color a picture promoting bike safety. A picture was selected and will be used as the new cover of the new bike safety coloring book. Anthony brought a copy of the picture for all Council members to see. The winner of the contest (name?) got to throw out the first pitch at the game.

Winterthur Bicycle Issue/Resolution

Amy stated to the Council members that the issue has been resolved. A new bike trail has been established throughout Winterthur. Amy also stated that a ride is scheduled and asked if any of the Council members were interested. She was not sure of the date of the ride, but would find out and let the Council members know once she has confirmed.

Rider Recognition

Anthony stated that he would like to see this get started and start the nomination process. He mentioned to the Council members if they would like to submit a person for nomination, to please do so by next week and email to Jennifer Baldwin along with a biography of the person.

Newsletter

Jennifer stated that she is waiting for more articles to complete the July issue. She also mentioned that a brand new interactive calendar is in the works on the Bicycle Council website. She also mentioned if anyone has any upcoming bike events, to please email them to her.

III. New Business

Statewide Bicycling Issues

Amy spoke of an issue on Papermill Road. She stated that the bike lane is too narrow and not safe.

Anthony posted maps of Delaware for Council members to pinpoint where potential problems may be occurring. He handed out red dots for the members to attach to the maps so he can review.

Greater Brandywine Valley Wilmington Bureau of Commerce Window Display

Jennifer spoke on behalf of Judy about setting up a Bike Month window display for next year's bike events. Council members agreed this was a good idea and so a motion was made to set this up for next year.

Upcoming Events

- Safe Kids Day 6/14 Brecknock Park
- Sussex Safe Kids Day 6/14
- Junction & Breakwater Trail Safety Day -6/21 (Four stations to be set up.)

Checkpoint Sponsors

Anthony informed the Council members about the upcoming bike safety checkpoints scheduled in July. He stated there is a need for volunteers and if anyone is interested to please let him know.

Fourth of July Event

Terry Berl mentioned to the Council members that there is an event scheduled for the 4th of July in Smyrna, which the Department of Parks and Recreation Committee will be participating in. He asked if Anthony could set up a booth to hand out bicycle safety materials. Anthony will advise Terry if we can get some volunteers to help out.

Physical Activity Summit

Fred informed to the Council that the Summit is scheduled for June 12th at the Duncan Center in Dover. Jennifer volunteered to attend.

Bike Workshop

Amy suggested starting a steering committee beginning in the fall and this would include the Bike Council as well as other Delaware Bike organizations to share thoughts and ideas in resolving bike safety issues. Amy, Frank and Lisa agreed to help get the committee started. Jennifer also volunteered to schedule the first bike forum and would send out an email to the Council with suggested dates.

Next Meeting – July 30th – Hagley Museum 5pm

Meeting adjourned 7:05pm.